



Elton "Dick" Strong

January 18, 1951 - March 11, 2009

Elton "Dick" Strong, III, age 58, of Goodlettsville, TN, passed away Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at Baptist Hospital in Nashville. Funeral services will be held Saturday, March 14, 2009 at 11am in the chapel of Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Greenbrier with Brother Hubert Raines officiating. A Graveside service will follow in the Maplevue Cemetery in Smyrna, TN. Serving as pallbearers will be Tommy Maitland, D.J. Haggard, Allen Rogers, Billy Wilson, Joel Hallman, Bobby Smith, David Haggard and Jack Combs. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Friday, March 13, 2009 from 1pm until 9pm and again on Saturday morning from 8am until the time of service. Mr. Strong was born January 18, 1951 in Louisa, VA to the late Myrtle Villers and Elton Strong, Jr. He was of the Baptist Faith, worked for BellSouth until his retirement after 30 years of service and was currently employed as the Parks Director for the City of Greenbrier. Mr. Strong especially loved working with Greenbrier Jr. Pro Football where he served as the Commissioner and coached for the past seven years. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather and a dear friend to many. Mr. Strong will be dearly missed by all who knew him. In addition to his parents he is preceded in death by his grandparents, Miley and Grace Toombs and Lilla and Elton Strong, Sr., and his father-in-law, James Huffman. Mr. Strong is survived by his wife, Rena Huffman Strong; sons, Terry (LeeAnn) Julian and James Strong, both of Goodlettsville; daughter, Shauna Lei (Allen) Rogers of Fairview, TN; mother-in-law, Minnie Huffman of Joelton, TN; brother, Randy "Rudy" (Tara) Strong of

Chapel Hill, TN; and grandchildren, Michael Tristan Rogers and Zakkary Julian. Mr. Strong is also survived by several loving nieces and nephews. Austin & Bell Funeral Home is in charge of these arrangements. www.austinandbell.com AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL HOME-GREENBRIER, TN (615) 643-4000

Tribute Wall

JB

“ Dick worked with us many years making sure the telethon phones always worked perfectly. He was a good man and we looked forward to visiting with him each year. My condolences to his family.

Jeff Bell - March 19, 2009 at 11:15 AM

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“ To the Strong Family, you all are in my prayers, and I am touched in hearing the news of his passing. As an employee of BellSouth/AT&T, I have worked and talked to Dick for a very long time.

He was always a pleasurable, kind and very knowledgeable to talk to. He certainly made our jobs much easier. I am truly blessed to have known him, and he truly will be missed.

Sincerely, Norma Buchanan

Norma B Buchanan - March 18, 2009 at 01:12 PM

JS

“ I was shocked and saddened to hear about Dick Strong passing away. I work in the Assignment Office where the Men and Women who work outside call in for help. I have talked with Dick for over 30yrs. I can truthfully say he was always a respectful, professional, and kind man. My co-workers and my self stand in agreement he will be truly missed.

May God continue to comfort you and your family

Johnetta Y. Smith Assignment Z

Johnetta Y. Smith - March 16, 2009 at 10:04 AM

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“ Dick was such a wonderful person to have worked with here at BellSouth now known as AT&T. He was a great person to have known. When ever you got Dick on the other line, he was always talking about his daughter and sons, he loved his family. He will be missed. My thoughts and prayers will be with you and your family.

Billie J Loftis - March 14, 2009 at 12:16 PM

GN

“ I worked with Dick for several years from the WMC he was so nice & very polite to work with. Please know that we will have the family in our heart, thoughts, and most of all prayers!
Sincerely, glenda

Glenda Norris - March 13, 2009 at 03:30 PM

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“ I am sorry for your loss. I coached with Dick when he came to Greenbrier his first year and thought of him as a friend. I talked to him one day at the baseball fields when he got the park job. he was excited. I will miss seeing him around the ballfields. May the peace Of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with you all.

Rory Osborne - March 13, 2009 at 03:00 PM